



IAM14UPDATE

God is doing exciting things at Orangewood Church! Three weeks ago we shared the story of our 13 founding charter members with you, and invited you to join their circle in the symbolic “14th chair.” As a tangible way to participate, we introduced you to the **IAM14 Capital Campaign** and our Campus Optimization Plan. We believe the Lord is leading us into uncharted deep waters, and we want to invite you to come with us! “Walk through this with me!”

Financial Pledge Update

As part of our commitment to participate in God’s unfolding story at Orangewood Church, everyone has been invited to prayerfully consider what he or she can give financially over the next year. Every pledge is important as we come together to pour ourselves and our resources into the vision God has for us. We are excited to announce that in just over two week’s time we have nearly met our goal of \$125,000! But, if you have not yet made a commitment to support the IAM14 Campaign, it is not too late. As you will see, we are just a little less than \$7,000 short of our goal. Will you help us close the gap? Commitment cards are available at the information desk in the church lobby. Below are the giving details as of November 18, 2014.

Total commitments: 115

Total amount pledged: \$118,101.00

If you have made a pledge, you can start giving toward IAM14 this month. You can conveniently setup recurring payments on The Link for any amount and at any frequency. If you need help setting that up or have a question about your login for The Link, email Melissa at mbenson@orangewoodchurch.org.

Campus Optimization Plan and Member Vote Results

Nearly eight years ago we did an audit of how we were using the physical resources God had given us. This included how we managed our property and the ways we ministered throughout the workweek. We discovered we used about 7% of what we had available. Since then, we have multiplied that to nearly 75%, and we believe the Lord has a plan for even more ministry in the future! The Campus Optimization Plan is our strategy for comprehensively remodeling our campus and positioning our church for some of her most fruitful days of ministry in the immediate future.

In order to make this dream a reality, our Church Board has created a plan that will require borrowing \$800,000 to invest in maintaining and upgrading our facilities. According to the governing structure within our denomination (Church of the Nazarene), we were required to have a member vote granting permission to our Church Board to move forward with the plans to

borrow the money. *The vote passed by an overwhelming 96%! Below are the results of the vote.*

Number of member votes cast: 122

Yes – 117

No – 5

Result: Vote in favor of securing the loan to proceed with the Campus Optimization Plan carries with 96% approval.

What's next?

As you can imagine, we are incredibly excited about this new journey the Lord has us on together! We are currently finalizing details with our lender, and as we have confirmation of the available funds, we will start moving forward in phases as detailed in the Campus Optimization Plan. *(If you would like a detailed copy of the plan, they are available at iam14.com, or upon request at the information desk in the Orangewood Church lobby.)*

One of our biggest and most urgent projects is the repair and resurfacing of our parking lot. Of course, there are many things that can happen inside while they are simultaneously working outside, but that will most likely be the first highly visible change you will see. We are currently gathering our final bids and expect to begin taking steps forward within the next several weeks.

These are exciting days for us as a church! Please continue to lift us up in prayer as you remember your church and these plans. We will need God's wisdom and your grace to navigate the many decisions ahead of us. Ultimately, we consider it a supreme privilege and honor to lead through this time. May God find us faithful of caring for and richly blessing the people He has entrusted into our care!